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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED EXAMINING GROUP 1626

PATENT

Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 07541.0002

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Hiroshi TAKEMOTO et al.)) Group Art Unit: 1626 /
Application No.: 10/048,008)) Examiner: L. Stockton
Int'l Filing Date: July 24, 2000))
§ 371 Date: January 25, 2002))
For: THIAZOLIDINE COMPOUNDS AND PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS EXHIBITING THROMBOPOIETIN RECEPTOR AGONISM (as amended)))))

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In response to the final Office Action dated January 8, 2004, please amend the subject application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.